



# BEAR LA 2026 Contestant Application



*Thank you for your interest in being a contestant for the Bear LA Contest 2026!*

The competition is open to people of all ages, sizes, genders, races, and identities. We are looking for the next Mr. Mx. or Ms. Bear LA. All that matters is that you identify as a bear and are ready and willing to represent Bears LA.

**We must receive your completed application NO LATER than September 16th, 2026.** Please submit all applications via email to [gabrielvgreen@gmail.com](mailto:gabrielvgreen@gmail.com)

If you would like to submit your application by mail please send to  
7719 Willoughby Ave., #2 West Hollywood, CA 90046

## **Meet and Greet:**

When: Thursday, September 18th

Time: 9:00pm - 11:00pm

Where: Eagle LA (4219 Santa Monica Blvd.)

## **ONE-WAY (optional)**

When: Friday, September 19th

Time: 9:00pm - 2:00am

Where: Eagle LA (4219 Santa Monica Blvd.)

## **Interview:**

When: Saturday, September 20th

Time: 12:00pm - 2:00pm

Where: Eagle LA (4219 Santa Monica Blvd.)

## **Bear LA 2026 Contest**

When: Saturday, September 20th

Time: 9:00pm – 2:00am

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### Stepdown for Ms. Bear LA 2025 & Victory Party for Bear LA 2026

When: Sunday, September 28th

Time: 3:00pm – 9:00am

Where: Precinct (357 S Broadway, Los Angeles, CA 90013)

### MEET AND GREET- Thursday, September 18, 2025

Contestants will be introduced to the crowd by the host, have a fun little bit of banter and then we will do a number draw to determine the order in which the contestants will compete. Contestants are encouraged to mingle with the crowd as much as possible, and there may be judges in the crowd so make sure to try and mingle with a wide variety of people

### THE CONTEST- Saturday, September 20, 2025

1. **The Contest will begin with the introduction of the contestants in “Bar Wear” (Bar Wear/Serious Question):** The round is inspired by your favorite tropical destination. Think African safari, Caribbean cruise, or the dense jungles of Southeast Asia. I want to see your interpretation of sexy clothing you would wear on a summer vacation: e.g. palm leaves, Hawaiian shirts, swimwear, floral patterns. This is clothing you would wear to attract the hottest while you are basking in the hot summer sun while abroad.
2. **In the next segment, the contestants will compete in the “Alter Ego” (Jock/Fantasy/Funny Question)” segment:** Brace yourselves Bears because it’s time to unleash your inner bear-sona in a fur-ociuos display of fantasy and folly! For this segment, we want to see your culture being represented in your costumes. Because Southern California has such a diverse population, we want that reflected in the category. Think of your ethnic heritage, your hometown, or the place you call home. This can be a literal exhibition (showing traditional garb), or more metaphorical. Either way, in this round, you are making a



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statement about who you are. Remember, in this alter ego showdown, the only limit is your own un-bear-lievable creativity – and possibly local public decency laws!

3. Contestants will do a **“Bear Run”** selling raffle tickets for goodie baskets that will be announced at the end of the contest before the winner.

4. **Following a break, the contestants will then appear in “Royalty”**

**(Formal/Speech):** This is your formal wear category, and the theme is ROYALTY. In this category, you will be giving a final speech before the final results. Use your imagination and present yourself as QUEER NOBILITY. Draw from your past, your future, your heritage, your queerness of an amalgamation of all of these for your final speech in your version of ROYALTY.

(For all categories, use your imagination, but please, no genital display)

**Remember, participation in the competition is mostly about having a great time and promoting the bear movement.**

If you have any questions regarding the contest or the application, please feel free to email the producer **Gabriel Green** at [gabrielvgreen@gmail.com](mailto:gabrielvgreen@gmail.com).

Sincerely yours,

Queen Sheba, Ms. Bear LA 2025



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## Requirements of Mr. Mx. or Ms. Bear LA:

- Mr. Mx. or Ms. Bear LA will be required to attend **Long Beach Pride** as well as **Los Angeles Pride**.
- You will be required to host a minimum of **3 Events** for **Bears LA**.
- You will be required to help out at **Bears LA Hosted Events**.
- You will be required to attend at least **5 Bears LA Board Meetings**.

## Code of Conduct:

As Mr. Mx. or Ms. Bear LA, you represent our organization. So please conduct yourself accordingly:

- No excessive drinking while representing Bears LA.
- Please refrain from using drugs in public.
- Please be discreet in your public sexual escapades.

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**Title Desired: (Mr.) (Mx.) (Ms.)**Bear LA \_\_\_\_\_

If Mr. Mx. or Ms. Bear LA cannot fulfill their obligation, the 1st Runner will assume the position of  
**Mr. Mx. or Ms. Bear LA 2026.**

**Type** or **print clearly** and complete both pages, including the signature on the following page.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State/Province: \_\_\_\_\_

Zip/Postal Code: \_\_\_\_\_ Country (if not USA): \_\_\_\_\_

Email, if any: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Club Affiliation(s), if any: \_\_\_\_\_

Sponsors, if any: \_\_\_\_\_

Title(s), if any: \_\_\_\_\_

Nickname (if any): \_\_\_\_\_ Pronouns: \_\_\_\_\_

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Please describe yourself:

Please list your three (3) most important contributions to the Bear and/or Gay Communities. Limit your response to 100 words total.



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**Write a Personal Advertisement / Fantasy (300 words or less). This will be read for you from the stage during the “fantasy” or “Alter Ego” segment of the competition, so make it hot! (Remember this is a fantasy scene and should have a beginning, middle, and ending or get from point A-B)**

**Write a personal statement (150 words or less) that defines what makes you “Proud to Be An Abearican”**



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By signing below, I certify that I have read, understood, and agree to the following terms and conditions:

1. I am at least 21 years of age.
2. I understand that any genital display or blatant commercialism during any phase of the competition will be grounds for my immediate disqualification.
3. I understand that if I am chosen to be Bear LA 2025, I will represent **Bears LA** and should therefore have sufficient flexibility for occasional travel. I understand that **Bears LA** is custodian of the travel fund for Bear LA to help defray the cost of transportation to events, subject to the guidelines established for the fund. I understand that I will be expected to conduct fundraisers or otherwise assist in raising funds to replenish and augment the travel fund.
4. I hereby authorize **Bears LA** to use my name, likeness, or photographic reproductions of myself for any publicity and/or publication in various media including print, video, film and online. I further understand that any such items will remain the sole property of **Bears LA**.

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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